agriculture by 30% in 2005-06. Initiatives have also been taken to include micro irrigation, enhanced provision for the accelerated irrigation technology programme, strengthening of agricultural marketing infrastructure, development of backward and forward linkages through venture capital support and facilitations to growers, association for producing larger and better quality of fruits, flowers and vegetables.

Research on agricultural production

1046. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any periodic research in Agriculture has been conducted to increase agricultural production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been under taken to monitor the impact of these researches on agricultural production; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The research is being carried out in the areas of crop improvement, management of horticultural crops, natural resource management, livestock improvement and management, fish production and processing, agricultural engineering and post harvest technology.

(c) and (d) There are large number of studies on impact of the researches on agricultural production. The outcome varies from crop to crop and region to region. Although there are considerable variations, the average rate of return to investment in agricultural research was about 70 per cent with a median value of more than 50 per cent. The results have shown that agricultural research has been major source of productivity growth in India.

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†1047.PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to constitute an Agriculture Coordination Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the main reasons for the constitution of the Committee?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.